

## Houston Locals.

Mr. George Brand of Buena Vista was a visitor here this week.

Mrs. Sallie Sage is visiting friends at Parkersburg this week.

Houston took three straight games from Tupelo last week.

Mrs. M. H. Ernest is visiting her son and other relatives in Eupora.

Felix Williams is sporting a new Ford car. Felix is a hustler and will some day buy himself an automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Byrnes spent Saturday and Sunday in Houlika the guests of friends.

Mrs. C. E. Haelele a prominent business man of Houlika was a business visitor to Houston, Wednesday.

Mr. M. P. Stovall and wife has returned home after several days visit to friends and relatives.

Pratt Johnson of Greenwood is the guest of his Uncle City Marshall, J. E. Johnson.

Mr. Robert Faulks of Buena Vista was the visitor of Baker Marion last week.

Mrs. Stanley Wright returned Friday from a ten days visit to friends at Winona and Jackson, Miss.

Miss Ruth Brand and her brother Ford of McCoudy were visitors here the past week.

Master Augustus Evans returned from Memphis, where he spent a week pleasantly with his Uncle, Mr. Early Huff.

Mr. Henry Tornwall spent Tuesday at Thelma as the guest of Mr. Hugh Johnson.

Misses Hortense and Eula Belle Gregory of Okolona spent the past week with Miss Lucile Elliot.

Mesdames Peyton Self and little daughter of Marks and Minnie Burket of Pontotoc were the guests of relatives here this week.

Mrs. Mattie Moffat of West Point returned home Tuesday after a pleasant visit to relatives here.

Miss Mattie May Johnson left Tuesday for Thelma, after a pleasant week's stay with Miss Catherine Johnson.

Miss Washington of Starkeville was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Toomer this week.

Miss Pearl Homs returned Monday from a two weeks visit to relatives at Aberdeen.

Mr. Bertram Hill is at home from the University where he was at Summer School.

Mrs. Mack Jones and Miss Melie Allen spent the week end with Mrs. Troy Ritter at Pontotoc.

Quite a number of out-of-town guests attended the dance here Thursday night.

Four more automobiles this week—don't tell us Houston is not looking up.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Thompson of Okolona returned home Sunday after spending a pleasant week with relatives here.

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The pastor will also preach at 3:45 p. m. at Buena Vista.

Mrs. Kate Hawkins, who is a teacher in Conservatory of music at Cincinnati, Ohio, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. G. W. Van Horn, having arrived Saturday last.

It is expected that Rev. Y. D. Daniel, pastor of the Pontotoc Presbyterian Church, will preach at Houlika the 3rd Sabbath in July at 11 o'clock and at Houston at night. There will be services at Gershom at 4:15 in the afternoon.

Mr. Charlie Beasley of Calhoun City was here Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Randle left Monday for a months visit to relatives in Ark. and Okla. They were accompanied by Elizabeth Marion who will visit her grand parents and other relatives in Wynna Ark.

## MARRIED.

The many friends of Mr. John Clifton Williams and Miss Lanora Hollomon were surprised to learn that they had hied themselves to the Methodist Parsonage on the evening of the 6th inst and "taken themselves for worse or better."

Miss Hollomon has been employed several years as operator by the Cumberland Telephone Co., and is a popular and attractive young lady.

Mr. Williams is deputy Chancery Clerk, an able business man, and richly deserves happiness.

That they may have all the joys that are good for us here is the sincere wish of The Hummer and a host of friends.

Miss Gunion Barr, of Meridian was the guest of Mrs. L. Hill Tuesday.

Mr. Mack Jones of Hattiesburg is the guest of Mrs. Ashton Toomer this week.

Mrs. W. W. Jack left Saturday to join a party at St. Louis bound to the Great Panama Exposition.

Miss Mary Howard of San Antonio, Texas is the guest of relatives here this week.

Miss Mary Spradley of Okolona was the guest of Miss Bessie Mae Griffin for the dance, Thursday.

The friends of Mrs. Hal Bannion will be glad to learn that she is on the road to recovery after an attack of malarial fever.

Miss Hollis of Derma and Mrs. Hollis of New Orleans, La. were the guests of Mrs. Gabe Winter, for the dance, Thursday morning.

Mr. Joe S. Williams is suffering from a sprained knee which he received in the over turning of an automobile while going to Aberdeen Monday last. He is reported better at this date.

Mr. Bert Crawford, an old Houston boy who is making a success in the drug business in the delta is the guest of his mother, Mrs. S. M. Crawford, this week.

## Notice to Contractors.

State of Mississippi, Chickasaw County.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of said county and State, will on the 1st Monday and the 2nd day of August, 1915, in front of the Court House door in the Town of Houston, Mississippi, receive bids for the following work: 200 yards, more or less, dirt work over Walker Creek on Babbitt road, and gravel covering for the same.

1-2 mile, more or less, graveling on Houston and Trebloc road in Houlika bottom.

160 yards, more or less, dirt work on Houston and Trebloc road in Houlika bottom.

150 yards, more or less, dirt work on Umberson road and gravel covering for the same.

1-2 mile, more or less, graveling on pike, Houston and Okolona road in Chuquatonchee bottom.

50 foot trestle work on Schooner Valley road on Houlika pike.

1-2 mile, more or less, pike work on Houlika and Schooner Valley road in Cane Creek bottom, and plank covering for the same.

1 bridge 120 feet long on Houlika and Okolona road on Chuquatonchee pike.

All to be built according to the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Houston, Miss. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Witness my signature this 8th day of July 1915.

H. E. Brannon, Clerk.

## THE GREAT CONFEDERATE GET TOGETHER HOUSTON CELEBRATES ON JULY THIRD

Over one thousand people came—saw—heard—ate—and went home happy. That, in a few words, tells the BIG DAY in Houston.

Be it said to the last benefit of goods roads more people were able to come to town. Big rains had muddled the dirt roads into exceedingly hard travel but those who live in touched with the good roads just scooted into Houston without trouble or frown. Even old Beck and old Zablia smiled their appreciation of town and country get together.

At ten o'clock Hon. T. U. Sisson made one of the greatest speeches of his life to the old soldiers. It was a masterpiece of wit, wisdom and pathos and many times he was cheered loud and prolonged. Picturing the trials and joys of the brave old soldiers he made it so real that the thrill of battle and patriotism shot thru their veins like the mighty charges of the long ago. With him they marched the valleys of Virginia victorious here and defeated there, but ever onward with that famous southern grit and courage. The people appreciated his speech and sincerely offers him another big welcome any time in Chickasaw county.

At noon the good ladies of Houston and vicinity spread an old time dinner on the tables and after the blessing the people "hove to." In about two jiffies the best ever cooked in Chickasaw twinkled into twilight during the good old song, "Going, Going, Gone."

After the dinner the old soldiers had their picture taken by Gilderoy Richardson and Mr. Major—at least fifty being in the group. For the next two hours the old soldiers "reminisced" in the courthouse and attend to the general business, W. H. Griffin, presiding very graciously and pleasingly.

Ball games and races took up the afternoon for the younger people. Candidates spoke several good words about the other fellow and otherwise made things "handy" with a smile.

Just a few transients visited the jail on a tour of inspection.

It was a great day for Houston—a day that weilded old grouches into good will and old glumpers into "Hello Bill, how's your folks?"

To the brave old soldiers The Hummer wishes them unlimited happy years.

### Statement of the Financial Condition of Bank of Houlika

located at Houlika, in the County of Chickasaw, State of Mississippi, at the close of business June 23rd 1915, made to the Board of Bank Examiners.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$36,192.47
Overdrafts, secured	83.82
Overdrafts, unsecured	5,168.37
Guaranty fund with State Treas.	300.00
Banking house and lot	2,500.00
Other real estate owned	1,124.85
Furniture and fixtures	406.33
Due from other banks	3,560.70
Paper currency	2,482.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	48.61
Gold coin	2.50
Silver coin	747.50
Total	\$52,820.15

LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	788.86
Undivided profits, less amount paid for int., expenses and taxes	357.45
Individual deposits, including savings deposits	21,738.02
Time certificates of deposits	4,770.42
Cashier's checks outstanding	79.50
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit representing money borrowed	15,000.00
Reserved for accrued interest on deposits	11.56
Reserved for accrued taxes	79.36
Total	\$52,820.15

I, R. E. Atwell, Cashier, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of the Bank of Houlika, located at Houlika, in the County of Chickasaw, State of Mississippi, at the close of business on the 23rd day of June 1915, to the best of my knowledge and belief. Correct—Attest.

R. E. Atwell, Cashier.

O. M. Harrill, T. R. Roberts, Directors.

State of Mississippi, Town of New Houlika Sworn to and subscribed before me by R. E. Atwell, cashier, this the 1st day of July, 1915.

J. A. Lewis, Mayor.

My commission expires Jan. 1st, 1917.

Cause for Complaint.

Mrs. Higwig—The editor of the Daily Buzz is a mean old thing, so he is. Higwig—What's the trouble now? Mrs. Higwig—I sent him an account of our literary club meeting, in which I referred to myself as being well known in polite circles.

Higwig—Well?

Mrs. Higwig—The meanly paper said I was "well known in polite circles."

### Statement of the Financial Condition of Bank of Woodland

Branch of Grenada Bank located at Woodland in the County of Chickasaw, State of Mississippi, at the close of business June 23rd 1915, made to the Board of Bank Examiners.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$36,662.20
Overdrafts, secured	95.27
Overdrafts, unsecured	9.39
Guaranty fund with State Treas.	500.00
Due from other banks	26,068.16
Other cash items	24.00
Paper currency	3,111.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	129.80
Gold coin	50.00
Silver coin	1,175.65
Total	\$127,825.53

LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Undivided profits, less amount paid for int., expenses and taxes	4,578.63
Individual deposits, including savings deposits	97,527.46
Time certificates of deposits	15,538.10
Reserved for accrued interest on deposits	181.54
Total	\$127,825.53

I, L. B. Bays Cashier, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of Bank of Woodland, Branch Grenada Bank in the county of Chickasaw State of Mississippi, at the close of business on the 23rd day of June 1915, to the best of my knowledge and belief. Correct—Attest.

L. B. Bays, Cashier.

James Bowe, R. M. Owen, Directors.

State of Mississippi, County of Chickasaw

Sworn to and subscribed before me by L. B. Bays, Cashier this the 7th day of July 1915.

T. T. Reid, Mayor of Woodland.

My commission expires Dec 31st 1916.

Embittered.

"Your supporters continue to give you three cheers when you appear in public, even though you were not successful."

"Those are not my supporters. Those are the people who are glad I was defeated."

## Chickasaw County Bank

located at Houston, in the County of Chickasaw, State of Mississippi, at the close of business on June 23rd, 1915, made to the Board of Bank Examiners.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$8,886.05
Overdrafts, secured	\$752.37
Overdrafts, unsecured	134.37
Guaranty Fund with State Treas.	300.00
Banking house and lot	5,114.77
Other real estate owned	500.00
Furniture and fixtures	3,895.23
Due from other banks	23,750.56
Exchange and checks for next day's clearing	157.52
Paper currency	2,309.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	85.95
Gold coin	200.00
Silver coin	2,990.00
County warrants	2,763.29
Total	\$123,849.41

LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	\$11,000.00
Undivided profits, less amount paid for interest, expenses and taxes	4,288.14
Individual deposits, including saving deposits	70,916.24
Time certificates of deposit	7,650.89
Due other banks	13.44
Total	\$123,849.41

I, L. T. Fox, cashier, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of the Chickasaw County Bank, located at Houston, in the County of Chickasaw, State of Mississippi, at the close of business on the 23rd day of June, 1915, to the best of my knowledge and belief. Correct—Attest.

L. T. Fox, Cashier.

A. M. Harley, E. P. Wilson, Directors.

State of Mississippi, County of Chickasaw.

Sworn to and subscribed before me by L. T. Fox, Cashier, this the 6th day of July, 1915.

H. E. Brannon, Chancery Clerk.

My commission expires Jan. 1st, 1915.

## Notice to Contractors.

State of Mississippi, Chickasaw County.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of said county and State, will, on Monday the 2nd day of August, 1915, receive sealed bids within legal hours, at the Court House in the Town of Houston, Miss., for the construction of the following bridges.

1 60 foot steel bridge on Houston and Trebloc road in Houlika bottom.

1 100 foot steel bridge on Houston and Trebloc road in Houlika bottom.

1 100 foot steel bridge on Houston and Trebloc road in Houlika bottom.

1 20 foot steel bridge on Houston and Trebloc road in Houlika bottom.

1 30 foot steel bridge on Fuller road across Long Creek.

1 60 foot steel bridge on Sparta road across Cain Creek.

1 50 foot steel bridge on Sparta road in Cane Creek bottom.

1 60 foot steel bridge on Houlika and Schooner Valley road across Schooner bottom.

1 90 foot steel bridge on Houlika and Schooner Valley road in Schooner bottom.

1 80 foot steel bridge on Houlika and Schooner Valley road in Schooner bottom.

All to be built according to plans and specifications on file with the Chancery Clerk at Houston, Miss.

The Board to let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder but reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Each bid must be accompanied with a certified check for \$500.00.

Witness my signature this the 8th day of July, 1915.

H. E. Brannon, Clerk.

We want to apologize to our readers for the make-shift of a paper we are giving them this week and the next, but we are "snow under" with job work that is rushing, consequently it was impossible for us to give much time to the paper however we are going to improve the paper each week until it gets to be one of the BEST in the state, a paper that you will be proud of, and will recommend to your friends and neighbors. In its columns you will never see no mud slinging, no abuse to anyone. We will devote our time to boosting Houston and Chickasaw County.

## BRAZIL SNAKE FARM

There Reptiles Are Domiciled in Concrete Houses.

Immediate Object is the Production of Serum Antidote for Bites—Cement Bath a Feature of the Institution.

It was recently learned that at the national cement show held in Chicago, many cement bathtubs were shown—these bathtubs being constructed exclusively for the use of pigs. New information along similar lines has reached America. The government of Brazil maintains at Sao Paulo a snake farm where reptiles are provided with concrete houses.

The snake farm serves the double purpose of providing a supply of material for the production of serum antidote for snake bites and for educating the public to the fact that all snakes are not venomous. A concrete



well high enough to keep the snakes from crawling out surrounds the farm but it is low enough to allow visitors a chance to see over.

It is by this means that this educational work is carried on. Familiarity breeds contempt there as elsewhere. If you see a snake that you have believed to be a dangerous enemy playing with its master each day you gradually alter your opinion of it. At any rate that is what has happened and is happening there.

Inside the wall is a water-filled trench, also lined with concrete, while cement walks connect the snake houses. At night the snakes are herded into these double-shaped structures and the doors are closed. In the morning an attendant wakes up the reptiles by prodding them with a stick through a hole in the door, after which the doors are removed and the snakes come out for their morning bath in the trench.

## Suffrage Gardens.

Women are offering gold for votes—golden flowers for votes for women. Suffragists plan to make the country bloom with yellow, the suffrage color, just as a reminder that this is the greatest suffrage campaign year in the history of the movement.

The "suffrage garden" idea originated with a Pennsylvania woman who had no money to give to the cause, and gave instead a golden idea. The Woman Suffrage Association of Pennsylvania has arranged to have packages of seeds containing six different kinds of flower seeds to be distributed among suffragists the country over. Flowers that will bloom successively from spring until fall have been selected by the Pennsylvania women for the floral suffrage maps they hope to see blooming next summer in the garden or the window box of every loyal suffragist.

## Spook in Pennsylvania Town.

Several months ago a man was killed at the railroad station at Had nor, Pa. Since his death a number of people living in that section declare they have seen his ghost, which fits out of dark corners, stares at them with sorrowful eyes and then passes on, moaning as it goes. A woman reported that the ghost disappeared at her door, and as she stood paralyzed with fear it suddenly vanished. So many tales of the wraith's pranks were told that the police undertook an investigation to ascertain the real nature of the spooky demonstrations, but at last accounts they had learned nothing.

## New Nature Story.

Hiram Johnson, a farmer living near Waterville, N. Y., tells a beautiful tale of how he utilizes the digging propensities of three woodchucks which he captured. He says he has trained them to dig straight postholes any depth and size required. He explains that he ties a cord to one of the animal's hind legs, indicates where the hole is to be dug, and when it is sufficiently deep he pulls the cord. The woodchuck then scrambles up for his reward of dried alfalfa.

## Pushing the Business.

Mr. Speedup—This is the fifth time you've been fined for speeding through Sistersville. Why don't you keep away from there?

His Wife—The dear old justice of the peace out there gives trading stamps.—Puck.